



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 23, 2000

**H.R. 3671
Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife
Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000**

As cleared by the Congress on October 18, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3671 would have no net impact on the federal budget. Because the act could affect the timing of outlays from direct spending authority, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. We estimate, however, that the net impact on federal spending would not be significant in any year.

H.R. 3671 would amend the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act to reduce the amounts that may be spent for administering grants for fish and wildlife restoration. By capping administrative costs, the legislation would reduce such costs in the future; however, this savings would be offset by an equal amount of additional grant expenditures. The act also would create new grant programs for fish and wildlife restoration. These new authorized expenditures would not increase the total amount of spending for these purposes but rather would lead to reduced funding for other existing grants.

H.R. 3671 would establish the national Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Commission to prepare and implement a plan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The commission would be allowed to accept and use donations, which could increase federal revenues and associated direct spending, but CBO estimates that such effects would be minimal and largely offsetting.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.